

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/725,712

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed on 12/02/2003, Applicant Amended filed on 10/11/2005 and 12/02/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4-9, 11-12, 14-16, 19-24, 26-27, and 29-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20060118.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Responsive to communication Applicant argument for application 10/725,712 filed on 12/02/2003 and Applicant's Argument filed on 01/05/2006, claims 1-9, 11-12, 14-24, 26-27, 29-36 are pending.

Claims 10, 13, 25, and 28 have been cancelled.

Claims 31-36 have been added.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Jack P. Friedman, Reg. No. 44,688 on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006.

The application have been amended as following:

Claim 1, line 6, after "high-level design" inserts ", said generating including extracting a high-level programmable logic device design from said modified high-level design, said extracting including comparing said high-level design to said modified high-level design".

Claim 16, line 9, after "high-level design" inserts ", said generating including extracting a high-level programmable logic device design from said modified high-level design, said extracting including comparing said high-level design to said modified high-level design".

Claims 2-3 and 17-18 are cancelled.

Claims 4, line 1, changes "the method of claim 2" to "the method of claim 1".

Claims 19, line 1, changes "the computer system of claim 17" to "the computer system of claim 16".

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 4-9, 11-12, 14-16, 19-24, 26-27, and 29-36 allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest "modifying a high-level design of said state machine to obtain a modified high-level design of said state machine with a modified function; generating a programmable logic device netlist from differences in said high-level design and said modified high-level design, said generating including extracting a high-level programmable logic device design from said modified high-level design, said extracting including comparing said high-level design to said modified high-level design; and installing said modified function into said state machine by programming said programmable logic device based on said programmable logic device netlist".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Recited references the PTO-892.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghia M. Doan whose telephone number is 571-272-5973. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Chiang can be reached on 571-272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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